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SEND LEADERS CONFERENCE 2023

Firstly a massive thank you to everyone who came to the annual SEND Leaders Conference at STEAM last Tuesday. This was our SECOND annual conference (not the third as was referenced twice on the day!). This is an important date in our calendar and we wanted to share some of highlights of the day with you.

It is important to start with a recognition of the commitment and hard work that each of you bring to the lives and education of our children and young people in Swindon – Thank You! SEND is Everyone's Business and it was amazing to see so many partners from across the partnership attending the conference.



- SENCOs
- Parent Carer Forum including the Chair of the NPCFF
- Young People
- Young People's SEND Shadow Board
- DFE Senior Advisors
- NHSE Representatives
- DFE SEND Advisors
- Heads of Inclusion
- Special School Head Teachers
- ICB
- Local Authority Senior Leaders
- CAMHS
- Public Health
- School Health Nursing
- Health Visitors
- Social Care
- Advisory Services
- Central Services (Education Psychology; SEND Service; Education Welfare)
- Early Years
- Post 16
- Commissioners
- Place Planners

Including our Young People is so important to us. Last year we had six young people who were supported by STEP and whilst this was great we

wanted to expand that this year and a massive thank you to the students from Churchward School who entertained you all upon arrival, how good were they and all with their own wonderful 'story' of how they have overcome their challenges to get to where they are today. The Churchward students who supported our logistical operation on the day and all had such a blast they have 'booked us in for next year!' We also want to thank our two students from New College who were our photographers throughout the day.

The day was full of inspiration and vision and you could actually feel the pride, passion and commitment to the continued SEND improvement journey for Swindon in the room. So on behalf of our children, young people and their families a massive thank you to everyone.

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